

**REMARKS****I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11 and 16-39 have been withdrawn from consideration.

By this Amendment, claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 12, 14 and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-12 and 14-41 would be pending.

**II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103**

Claims 12-15 and 40-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of Ryals.

Claims 12, 14 and 15, as amended, are directed to arrangements involving setting a plane, wherein the plane is indicated by a first frame and characters of dimensions of the 3D object is placed on the plane; setting a second frame on the set plane so as to indicate the existence of the characters of the dimensions of a small part of the 3D object relative to the contour of the 3D object; and displaying 3D object with the set plane, the set second frame and the characters of the dimensions of a small part on the set plane in the same 3D space.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the arrangements of claims 12, 14 and 15 are distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination. For example, in Figs. 19(a) and 19(b) and Figs. 20(a) and 20(b) of Watanabe, the dimensions of the 3D object are not disposed at a plane indicated by a first frame, contrary to the Examiner's assertion. Further,

Watanabe is silent about a second frame for indicating the existence of the characters of the dimensions of a small part of the 3D object relative to the contour of the 3D object.

The reference Ryals does not remedy at least these deficiencies in the Watanabe teachings.

Accordingly, claims 12, 14 and 15 and their dependent claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4820.

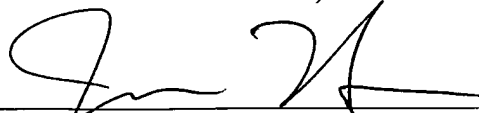
In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4820.

Respectfully submitted,  
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